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OFFICIALS INSPECT PALOS VERDES

Raid Halts \$40,000 Moonshining Program of Huge Ring

Big Booze Combine Hinted as Police Nab Gigantic Still

Ton of Sugar, 100 Barrels, Taken at Normandie Avenue Barn

AMBUSH GETS FOUR MEN

One Pleads Guilty, Three Held Pending Hunt for Higher-Ups

Hints of the existence of a powerful and gigantic whiskey-manufacturing and booze-selling combine were obtained Wednesday night when Torrance police, headed by Chief Louin Patterson, nipped in the bud one of the most ambitious moonshine projects ever launched in Los Angeles county, and took four men into custody.

In the raid of a barn on Normandie avenue near East, road the police party made up of Chief Patterson and Officers Phillips, Morris, Young and Brandette, and Constable Taber of Lomita, seized: 100 empty whiskey barrels. A ton of sugar. Twenty bushels of barley and corn.

A 250-gallon still. 2 cases of yeast. A carbide gas-manufacturing apparatus for fueling the B-burner stove. Chemical apparatus for making tests. A Ford truck used to transport barrels.

According to police, the supplies seized were sufficient to make 4000 gallons of bootleg liquor, the retail value of which, according to present quotations, is \$40,000.

Chief Patterson believes that the four men taken into custody are tools of a highly organized manufacturing ring, which pays operators big wages for making, storing and disposing of its product in large quantities to a countrywide selling organization.

H. Greenberg, one of the four arrested, pleaded guilty before Justice of the Peace L. J. Hunter of Lomita and was sentenced to pay a fine of \$500 or serve 500 days in jail.

Greenberg said he owned all the apparatus. Justice Hunter released the other three men: Louis Eisen, T. Rosner and Edward Roth. In the meantime Chief Patterson was in consultation with the district attorney's office and telephoned an order to hold the three for investigation. When they returned to the Torrance jail for their effects they were again placed in custody.

A telephone tip was received by the Torrance police Wednesday afternoon. Constable Taber also learned that a large quantity of "meese" material had been unloaded near the Normandie avenue barn.

The party of officers hurried to the scene. Arriving there at 4 p. m., they found the 250-gallon still and other paraphernalia in charge of Eisen, who was arrested. The police then with seven close arrived with a ton of sugar, and at 11 o'clock Roth and Greenberg drove in with a truck-load of barrels.

Greenberg hinted to police that "we have 20 outfits as big as this one operating in the county." He said the still seized could turn out 100 gallons a day, with a sales value of \$1000.

A notebook found in the truck revealed that the driver had delivered quantities of barrels to numerous places and individuals in various sections of the Southland.

Such entries as the following appear: "Delivered 50 barrels to Tony the Wop at Lankershim." "Delivered barrels to Sam. Worked overtime. Got \$5 in tips." County officials are using clues revealed by the seizures to run down suspected higher-ups in what they believe to be a well-financed liquor ring.

UPLIFTERS CLUB
The Uplifters Club met Thursday at the home of the first vice-president, Maren Dahl, Murray Court.

Glenn Maughan of 1922 Carson street is entertaining his sister from Idaho.

SHE ELOPES



Washington society is still discussing the surprising marriage of Miss Margaret Hume, daughter of one of the capital's most aristocratic families, and Abdullah Entezam, first secretary of the Persian legation. They eloped to Virginia.

Little Jackie Javens Fights Hard for Life

Lad Injured by Percussion Cap Blast Has Even Chance to Win

Little Jackie Javens, 7-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. William Javens, East Carson street, who was severely injured last Sunday by the explosion of a nitrolycenerine percussion cap in his hand while fighting for his life at the General hospital in Los Angeles.

Surgeons at the hospital said today that the boy has an even chance to recover if the ugly wound in his side does not become infected. The danger of poisoning is increased by the fact that many pieces of the lead's clothing were carried into the wound when the explosion occurred.

Despite severe pain in his hand, three fingers of which were amputated, and great pain in his side, the little fellow is unusually calm, cheerful, and determined to "get well," according to Mrs. Javens.

Scientist Services Will Be Broadcast

The regular Sunday morning services of Third Church of Christ, Scientist, of Los Angeles will be broadcast the first Sunday of each month, beginning next Sunday, at 11 o'clock over KFI (469 meters).

A number of the Christian Science churches of Los Angeles have joined together in this broadcasting.

First Church of Christ, Scientist, of Long Beach broadcasts its regular service every Sunday evening at 8 o'clock over KFON (240 meters), and some of the eastern Christian Science churches also broadcast their service every Sunday evening.

BANDIT TIES AND GAGS LOMITA WOMAN

Stick This In A Letter and Send It East

Torrance Most Healthful City in Whole Harbor District

Torrance is one of the most healthful cities in the harbor district. (Other papers please copy.) Here is an excerpt from the monthly report of District Health Officer A. S. Baker.

"While other places are having plenty of health troubles, Torrance shows a health report that is second to none. This is an exceptionally good report."

The report referred to shows that during December only one case of a contagious disease was reported here, that case being scarlet fever.

The health officer made 21 visits to Torrance during the month, made seven milk inspections and five rat inspections.

Field Here 5th In Production For Last Year

Decline Gradual from Peak; Royalties for 1924 Are \$3,500,000

BOTH (front) FIELD HERE **
The Torrance-Lomita oil field stood fifth in California petroleum production for 1924, according to statistics compiled by the Independent Oil Producers Agency.

Production here for the year was only a little more than 7000 barrels behind the yield of Huntington Beach.

The year's production in the state's ten big fields was as follows:
Field—Production
Long Beach—60,122,002
Midway-Sunset—37,464,889
Santa Fe Springs—26,399,655
Huntington Beach—17,533,520
Torrance-Lomita—17,526,123
Elk Hills—13,589,611
Coalinga—10,144,428
Dominguez—6,811,531
Kern River—6,773,321
Montebello—6,230,299

Money to District
On a basis of a fifth royalty, which is a fair basis, in view of the fact that it takes into consideration no income from natural gas, the money paid to owners of land in the field here last year totaled more than three and a half million dollars.

The daily average yield in the Torrance-Lomita field for the year was 47,886 barrels.

The production, in barrels, by month in the field here was as follows: January, 972,261; February, 800,311; March, 1,168,181; April, 1,644,923; May, 1,783,670 (the peak); June, 1,718,885; July, 1,776,550; August, 1,741,121; September, 1,629,453; October, 1,532,867; November, 1,387,586; December, 1,393,215.

It will be seen from these figures that the decline from peak production in the field here is extremely gradual. The peak was reached in May, with a production of 1,783,670 barrels. In December the yield had dropped only to 1,393,215 barrels.

NOTICE TO P. T. A.
Members of the Parent-Teacher Association are urged to attend the council of presidents to be held Thursday, Feb. 5, in Choral hall, Philharmonic Auditorium building, Los Angeles.

While only presidents may vote on questions to be decided, much valuable information may be gained at these meetings. If you'll attend just one of these peppy gatherings you're sure to attend others.

I. O. O. F.
Triple City Lodge No. 333, I. O. O. F., will entertain Trio Rebekah Lodge Saturday evening in Odd Fellows hall on Narbonne avenue.

Threatens To Kill Child; Makes Away With \$79 Cash

"Man in Gray" Binds Mrs. Corrinne Kernan, Grace Hotel Proprietress Who Tells Him Where Money Is Hidden

Forcing an entrance at the rear door of the Grace Hotel on Brethren street in Lomita early this morning, a tall bandit, tied, bound and gagged Mrs. Corrinne Kernan, proprietress, and with threats to kill her six-year-old daughter forced her to show him where her money was located. Frightened at the grim determination of her assailant, Mrs. Kernan showed him where the money was located. Seizing \$79 from a bureau drawer the man rushed out of the hotel and made his getaway.

Before rushing out of the hotel the bandit released the gag on Mrs. Kernan's mouth. She screamed. Neighbors notified Constable Taber and Deputy Morris who hurried to the hotel, where they cut the strands that bound Mrs. Kernan.

Mrs. Kernan told the officers that the man was unusually tall, and that he wore a gray overcoat and a gray hat. Taber and Morris this morning are searching for the man.

The bandit entered the hotel shortly after Mr. Kernan had left for his day's work.

Observations

Hiram Again—John D.'s Generosity—The Sewer Bonds—Child Labor Amendment Killed—Farmers and Economics—Patronize Good Pictures
By W. HAROLD KINGSLEY

ONCE more the irreconcilables in Congress, led by the indomitable Hiram Johnson, rise up on their hind legs and howl loudly against "foreign entanglements."

This time their yowls are more absurd than usual, which is saying a mouthful.

When the Dawes plan for the rehabilitation of Europe was adopted, the first definite step toward settlement of the trying reparations tangle was taken. In line with the provisions of a document which set forth the percentages of German reparations which each of the allied nations was to receive.

No sooner was this document signed than Hiram set up his wail that the signing of the document forced the United States into active participation in Europe's affairs.

Europe owes us money. It is the intention of the United States to collect this money. In order to do so we, as a nation, took the initiative and proposed the Dawes plan. Now we naturally must participate in the operation of that plan.

Perhaps Mr. Johnson can tell the country just how to collect its European debts without participating in a plan which provides for payment of reparations.

Perhaps he has up his sleeve a secret formula which will reveal to the President how to be a party to a financial plan without participating in the plan.

There is only one sure way of avoiding these horrible "foreign entanglements" about which Mr. Johnson screams so vehemently. That is for us to cancel all our European debts.

Would Mr. Johnson agree to that?

WHILE Japan objects officially and in no uncertain terms against the proposed maneuvers of the American fleet in the Pacific next summer, John D. Rockefeller does his utmost to knock into a cocked hat the Oriental suspicion that we have designs for Eastern empire. He presents the University of Tokyo with \$1,600,000 with which to rebuild and re-equip its library, destroyed during the Tokyo earthquake. He attaches no strings to the gift, leaving the manner in which the fund is to be expended entirely up to the Japanese committee.

To those of us who have an inkling of Japan's Pacific policy and perhaps fear it somewhat, and to those of us who know that the United States has no dreams of Oriental conquest, this act of the elder Rockefeller stands out as a beacon light in a storm of Jingoism.

Water Is Shut Off at Rogers Deep Test Hole

Jamieson Drilling Ahead in "Second Sand" Formation on Acacia St.

Success attended the first cement job at the Jamieson Oil Company's second deep test well—the Rogers No. 1 on West Acacia street.

Approval of the cement job was given Wednesday by the mining bureau and the hole is now being drilled ahead into the formation from which the company expects to bring in a producing well.

The Rogers was cemented at 4134 feet.

C. of C. Votes Share in Fund For Site Body

Directors Will Stand Part of University Campaign Cost

The Torrance Chamber of Commerce will stand its proportionate share in the fund being raised to conduct the campaign for the selection of the Palos Verdes site for the Southern Branch of the University of California. This was voted Wednesday afternoon by the board of directors. The Southwest site committee, representing 17 cities, plans to raise \$2000 for purposes of entertaining officials when they come to inspect the site and for paying other expenses incidental to the campaign which is being actively conducted.

The directors unanimously passed a resolution objecting to the proposed increase in the California gasoline tax. It is proposed that the tax be increased from 2 cents to 4 cents a gallon. Directors pointed out that Southern California uses most of the gasoline consumed in the state; that an increase in the tax would provide money for maintenance of highways in the northern part of the state, where most of the state highways exist.

The directors approved a recommendation of Secretary Carl L. Hyde that booklets advertising Torrance be prepared and printed.

L. A. Chamber to Aid Local Men in Drive

S. P. Morris Will Be Here Monday to Plan Campaign

S. P. Morris, campaign manager of the field service department of the Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce, will be in Torrance on Monday to make arrangements for the Torrance Chamber of Commerce membership campaign, which the directors of the local chamber have been planning for several weeks.

Detailed announcement of the plans for the campaign will be made in next Tuesday's issue of The Herald.

WELCOME, WELCOME

Mrs. W. M. Christopher arrived in Torrance from Custer City, Okla., at 8 a. m. today. Mr. Christopher and son are motoring overland, and are expected in the next few days.

Edward and Earl, two sons who have been in Torrance some time, have established a home on Gramercy avenue, where they welcome the arrival of their parents. W. M. Christopher is the brother of G. E. Christopher of 1411 Cedar street, Vista Highlands.

Campaign To Land University Branch Is Making Headway

HOWDY, PRINCE



Prince Louis of Monaco, owner of Monte Carlo, world's greatest gambling den, is in the United States incognito, it is reported.

Oilers To Play Ball With Gas Company Outfit

C.-C. M. O. Takes on Fast Utility Nine at Park on Sunday

Fans who enjoy a fast game of baseball will have a real treat in store for them next Sunday afternoon when Manager Black's Southern California Gas outfit invades the Eddie Copeland's crew out of first place in the Loubie A Winter League.

The Gassers have one of the fastest clubs playing winter ball in this territory, and, with Lester Quinn (who has promised to report to Red Killier's Seattle in the spring) doing mound duty for them, they should prove the most worthy foe to yet oppose the Oilers on the home grounds.

Manager Copeland is also well fortified with pitching material for next Sunday's encounter, having, besides Al Hofacker and Lloyd Ramey (former Cincinnati hurler), Leo Seiffert and Rex Hickok, the latter having until recently supported both clubs as all pepped up over this game, as the result will have much to do with their standing in the winter league.

So all who attend Sunday's encounter can feel sure of witnessing a red-hot diamond struggle.

The game will start promptly at 2 o'clock.

Last Sunday the C.-C. M. O. lost a fast game to the team of the U. S. S. California by a score of 3 to 2.

REDONDO RECITAL

Esthelle Heardt Dreyfus, contralto, will give a recital at the Woman's clubhouse in Redondo Beach Tuesday evening, Feb. 10.

Bernice Morrison Brubaker will play the accompaniment. Further details may be obtained from Mrs. Ruby W. Sargent at the Union Tool Company.

President and Deans Visit Proposed Location on Hills Near Here

JORDAN WRITES OPINION Urges Institution Location 25 or 30 Miles From Los Angeles

With the president and deans of the University of California visiting the proposed site for the Southern Branch of that institution this week and with Chambers of Commerce in the entire harbor district appropriating funds to assist the southwest site committee in placing before the board of regents the advantages of the hill location, the campaign to locate the university in this area is progressing satisfactorily.

At a meeting of the Southwest site committee in Long Beach Tuesday afternoon a resolution designed to check any possible political fight over the site selection was unanimously passed.

The resolution declares that the Southwest site committee will stand solidly behind the board of regents in any decision they make.

It puts the Palos Verdes site proponents on record as favoring first of all the location of a new southern branch in the Southland, with the Palos Verdes site in particular as a second consideration.

Would Avoid Fight
This resolution was passed when it became known that the regents feared the possibility of a political fight subsequent to the selection of a site.

The Southwest site committee, representing 17 cities in the harbor area, will make a determined effort to have a similar resolution passed by every site committee in Southern California. The consensus at the Long Beach meeting was that every committee should bury the hatchet after a decision is made and stand squarely behind the regents when the time comes to secure an appropriation for the proposed university. The committee has already received assurances from prominent proponents that they will abide by the regents' decision, but that decision what it may. These assurances are considered highly important.

The committee received from David Starr Jordan, president of Leland Stanford University, a letter declaring that the proposed university should be located at least 25 or 30 miles from Los Angeles. The letter follows:

Mr. E. A. Bradbury, Chamber of Commerce, Redondo Beach, Calif.
My dear Mr. Bradbury:

I thank you for the copies of telegrams. They all indicate good sense.

At Stanford University, as you know, Mr. Stanford bought up a large part of the neighborhood in order that we might never be forced, no matter how much the University might grow, to pay inordinate prices for necessary land. Property purchased amounts to 8800 acres. For the present 1500 acres have been set apart for University purposes, and the remainder for the next fifty years or so is used mainly for cattle raising. Should we ever have a Department of Agriculture we could take as much of this as would be necessary. A portion is now leased to the Government for an experimental station for deciduous fruits.

I hope that a State University may be established in Southern California. The University at Berkeley is swollen to double its available size. It is worth considering, however, whether it might be well to limit the Berkeley institution to the two higher years and graduate work and to build a great Junior College at Los Angeles. But in any case the institution will overflow from the minute it is fairly started; and you have an excellent staff.

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